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## SUMMARY OF TELEPHONIC INTERVIEW

Dear Sir:

On November 3, 2006, a telephonic interview was conducted between the undersigned and the Examiner. In the telephonic interview, the Examiner clarified that the term "anyone who participates," referred to on page 12 of the Office Action, can refer to a human. Also, the Examiner explained the Examiner's basis for the obviousness rejection of claim 1 over Lupien and Phillips. No agreement was reached in the telephonic interview.

Respectfully submitted,

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